

BALA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1963



Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for

the year ending 1963.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid year population showed an increase of 30 over that for 1962.

There were 26 live births (28 in 1962) 30 in 1961 and 24 in 1960.

There was no stillbirth. One infant died in the first year compared with 2 in 1962.

There was no maternal death.

There were 22 deaths (35 in 1962, 33 in 1961 and 27 in 1960). Once again Cancer, Cardiovascular disease and vascular lesions of the nervous system accounted for about two thirds of the deaths. These are the common causes of death in the Country as a whole.

There was no new case of tuberculosis notified during the year and no tuberculous death. It seems that this disease is now being brought under control but much painstaking work remains to be done before it is finally eradicated.

I should like to thank the Public Health Inspector Mr. Williams for his help during the year and also the Clerk and other council officials for their assistance and co-operation.

Finally I wish to thank the Council for the consideration and courtesy that they have always given to me.

Your obedient Servant,

H. FRANCIS.

District Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in acres	- 663
Rateable Value at 1/4/63	- 40,854.
Population(Registrar General's figures)	- 1,640
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	- £160.11. 8.07
Number of inhabited houses(According to the Rate Books) at end of year	- 482

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -

Births - 1.23

Deaths - 0.86

BIRTHSLIVE BIRTHS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	- 26	15	11
Legitimate	- 22	13	9
Illegitimate	- 4	2	2
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	- 15.85		
1962 figures	- 17.39		
Illegitimate Live Births(per 1,000 population)	- 2.44		

STILL BIRTHS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	- Nil	Nil	Nil
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	- Nil		
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	- Nil		

<u>TOTAL BIRTHS</u>	(Live & Still)	26	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	Live	- 26	15	11
	Still	- None	Nil	Nil

DEATHSDEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	1
Legitimate	Nil	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	- 38.46	
1962 figures	- 71.43	

Deaths of Legitimate Infants

Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) - 45.45

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants

Mortality (per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births)-Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	1
Legitimate	Nil	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	1
Legitimate	Nil	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>	- 38.46/1,000 live births.
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u>	- 38.46/1,000 live births.
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>	- 38.46/1,000 live births.

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) - Nil

<u>Naternal Mortality</u> (Rate per 1,000 Live Still Births	- Nil
1962 figures	- Nil

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total Number	- 22	8	14
Rate per 1,000 population	- 13.41		
1962 figures	- 21.73		

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total Number	- 4	1	3
Rate per 1,000 population	- 2.44		
1962 figures	- 4.34		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number	- Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	- Nil
1962 figures	- Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

- (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority
One Medical Officer of Health.
One Public Health Inspector.
- (2) Laboratory Facilities
Water Examination (chemical) by the Public Analyst, Chester.
Water Examinations (bacteriological) and examination of milk at the Public Health Laboratory, Conway.
- (3) Ambulance Facilities.
One ambulance at Bala.
This moved to Glanrafon on August 28th. 1963.
- (4) Infant Welfare Clinics
Held every fortnight at Hafan, Bala.
- (5) Ante Natal Clinics
At Hafan, Bala once a month.
- (6) Orthopaedic Clinic
At Plasyndre, Bala once every calendar month.
- (7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC
At Plasyndre, Bala every fortnight.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.
Carried out at I. W. Clinic and by General practitioners in their surgeries.
Immunisations of babies and young infants also carried out by S.M.O.
at regular intervals at the Hafan, Clinic.

(9) HOSPITALS

There is no hospital in the urban area.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
notified during the year;- 3

Scarlet Fever	- nil
Bacillary Dysentery	- nil
Whooping Cough	- nil
Measles	- 3
Infantile Paralysis	- nil
Pneumonia	- nil

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary	Total	- Nil
	Males - Nil	Females - Nil
Non-Pulmonary	T	- Nil
	Males - Nil	Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary	Total	- Nil
	Males - Nil	Females - Nil
Non-Pulmonary	Total	- Nil
	Males - Nil	Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1963 in age groups.

Age periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
under 1								
1 year								
2 - 4								
5 - 9								
10 - 14								
15 - 19								
20 - 24								
25 - 34								
35 - 44								
45 - 54								
55 - 64								
65 - 74								
75 and over								

CAUSES OF DEATH 1963

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Cancer Stomach		2
" Bronchus	-	-
" Breast	-	-
" Other sites	1	1
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	3
Coronary disease, angina	2	1
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	1	2
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-

FOOD HYGIENE

Supervision and advice was given to food handlers generally during the year.

No. of Prosecutions - Nil.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT 1963

1. DRAINAGE. Representation was received from the Dee & Clwyd Rivers Board regarding the final effluent from the sewerage works. Arrangements were made to have samples taken and sent to the Public Analyst.
2. WATER SUPPLY. A new main was laid from the service reservoir to Ffrydan Road, and the Council have undertaken to provide a bulk supply to Penllyn R.D.C. to supply Llanfor, Sarnau and Glanrafon.

Four samples were taken for bacteriological examination and placed in Class 1 - Satisfactory. One sample was taken for chemical analysis, the water is potentially corrosive, but the organic condition is satisfactory.

3. CLEAN AIR. It was not found necessary to take any formal action under the Clean Air Act 1956.
4. PUBLIC CLEANSING. Negotiations for leasing extra land adjoining the refuse tip were completed during the year.
5. NUISANCES. Statutory notices under the Public Health Act 1936 had to be served in a few cases. It was necessary for the Council to carry out work in default in one instance.

No action was taken under the Noise Abatement Act.

One house in a unwholesome condition had to be dealt with.

6. CARAVANS. No new licences were issued under the Caravans and Control of Development Act 1960. Two licences continue in force.
7. FACTORIES. One new factory was established during the year and three building sites were classed as factories.

Action was taken in one instance to provide adequate sanitary conveniences.

8. RODENT CONTROL. Treatments are carried out by a part-time operator and all treatments are free of charge.
9. HOUSING. Preliminary steps were taken regarding the proposed Church Row Clearance area.

Twelve aged people's bungalows and six houses were built by the Council.

Three standard grants and two discretionary grants were paid during the year.

10. RENT ACT. No applications for Certificate of Disrepair were received.
11. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS. The following number of animals were slaughtered:-

Cattle	-	197
Calves	-	7
Sheep or Lambs	-	1,865
Pigs	-	223

Three sheep carcasses were condemned for emaciation and one for oedema. Five pigs heads were condemned for tuberculosis. Livers and other minor items not involving whole carcasses were also condemned.

12. UN SOUND FOOD. The voluntary surrender of canned foods, fruit and vegetables etc. continued and were disposed of by burying at the refuse tip.
13. ICE CREAM. One additional premises was registered for the sale of ice cream. One establishment continues to produce ice cream by the complete cold mix method.
14. FOOD HYGIENE. Food premises were inspected from time to time and forthwith upon complaint. There were no prosecutions.
15. PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS. There are no public swimming baths in the district.

SUMMARY AND CLASSIFICATION OF VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

1.	Drainage & Sewerage	102.
2.	Water Supply	18
3.	Public Cleansing	27
4.	Nuisances	203
5.	Caravans	18
6.	Factories	38
7.	Rodent Control	39

HOUSING ACTS

1.	General	187
2.	Rent Control	4

FOOD & DRUGS ACT

1.	Meat Inspection	248
2.	Unsound Food	59
3.	Preparation, Storage and Sale	115

MISCELLANEOUS

1.	Miscellaneous	29
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NOTICES

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Preliminary	23	18
Statutory	2	2

